reservoir behaviour, not in conformity with earlier predictions.

(ii) Oil fields entering the natural declining phase.

(iii) Reduced production from joint venture projects.

(iv) Constraints in operating conditions on account of law and order problems and insurgency in NE region.

(v) Stoppage of work in Nagaland.

(vi) Frequent power shutdown in western & Eastern Region affected artificial lift operations.

(c) The crude oil production during the year 1996-97 is estimated to be about 33.624 MMT against the original target of 36.312 MMT.

(d) The crude oil production targets for the 9th Plan have not been firmed up.

(e) The oil import bill depends on the over-all consumption, indigenous production & prices of crude oil and petroleum products prevailing in international market from time to time.

Promotion of Rural Housing

702. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to promote rural housing; and

(b) if so, the schemes under which housing facilities are proposed to be promoted during the 9th Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes Sir. The Indira Awas Yojana is presently under implementation in all the States and UTs;

(c) The Schemes under rural housing for the 9th Plan are under consideration of the Government.

Passenger amenities on National High-way-5 in Andhra Pradesh

703. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any model rest areas would be set up by oil companies on National Highway No. 5 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that no innovative steps have been taken by the oil companies to improve passenger amenities in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh along National Highway No. 5;

(c) whether it is a fact that no phone or other facilities are made available by outlets of oil companies in the district; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Presently the oil companies have no proposal to develop a retail outlet with model rest areas on NH-5 in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The retail outlet dealers including those in West Godawari Distt. of Andhra Pradesh are required to provide certain minimum facilities like free air, drinking water, telephone, etc. at their retail outlet. These facilities are reportedly available at most of the ROs in West Godawari Distt.

Benefits of Research Work of CSIR to the Industry

704. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific